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# Hootenanny on the Hill

on October 13th

Seed & Stomp, Pet Fair, BBQ & Chili Cook Offs, and more!

Once again, we're merging several events into a great day of family fun now called the Hootenanny on the Hill! Mark your calendars for October 13th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, carving your pumpkins, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

First, the Landscape Committee will host the 7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp at Fairway Fields, across from Fergus Park. We'll seed wildflowers, make scarecrows as part of the annual Scarecrow Contest, snap photos by hay bale critters, and host a Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Email Christina Baese at cb28655@earthlink.net with any questions.

In Fairway Fields, next to the Seed & Stomp, enjoy the Annual Plum Creek Pet Fair. Festivities will include the Muffin Eating Contest, Silent Auction, Cake (Pet Treat) Walk, Costume Contest, and Pup Trot. Local pet vendors will be in attendance to provide information for residents. All proceeds will benefit the beautification phase of the Dog Park. For more information, email Gary and Cindy at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Just across the way, the Recreation Committee will host the 6th Annual BBQ Cook-Off at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus Soccer Fields. The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and an open category. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Entry fees range from \$10 to \$20. Forms are due by October 10th. Check-in occurs on Friday, October 12th at 6PM. Email Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions.

Other events include a 10K/5K/1K/Pup Trot, Washers Tournament. In addition to the events mentioned above, some old favorites of a petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, and more will return, as well.

If you are interested in selling pet related products, please contact dogpark@ plumcreektxhoa.com. For selling all other products, email Jen LaCour at jen. lacour@gmail.com or 512-787-9611. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com. More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek PC Press and eNews. Also, check out the new website at www.hootenannyonthehill.com for additional information and entry forms. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come out for the fun!

# At the Fence

#### **TODDLERTIME ON AUGUST 28TH**

Toddler Time returns on August 28th with a SWIM DAY! We'll provide some snacks and juice boxes. Just bring your kiddos, puddle jumpers, a towel, and some pool toys! Meet at 10:30AM at Haupt Pool, the bucket pool next to the Community Center at 450 Haupt. See you then!

### **LOST/FOUND SIGN REMINDER**

As a reminder, please do not post Lost/Found signs on the poles in Plum Creek. Anything posted on poles or other objects will be removed. If you need to notify residents of a situation, please email announcements@plumcreektxhoa. com, and a note will be sent to other residents via the eNews.

### **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WAS A BLAST!**

The 4th of July Parade and Picnic was a great success! Special thanks to Kyle Fire Department & EMS for leading our parade! At the picnic, Plum Creek ate 400 hamburgers, 400 hot dogs, 400 bags of chips, and 400 Snow-Cones! Special thanks to Dennis & Mariel Perkins for providing flags by our mailboxes earlier in the week. Thanks to our sponsors: Close 2 my Home, AIM Air Conditioning and Ice Box Shaved Ice. Special thank you to our volunteers, Jason & Brandee Otto, Gary & Cindy Kennedy and Dave Mahn for cooking and serving up all of the food. We have a few other volunteers that stepped in that day to help out and we thank them too. All in all, it was a truly patriotic day! Thanks for coming out!

### **SIP AND SEW**

Its too darn hot .....and our Sip and Sew group will take a break for August! In September we will be looking forward to the Fall and all those holidays projects. Watch for our notice for the September gathering in the Plum Creek News and E News. Any questions, please contact: Iris Sandle - 405-0054, Pam Chapman - 512-656-6050, or Sandra Sigler - 405-0187.

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### **Contests!**

**6**TH **A**NNUAL **S**CARECROW **C**ONTEST **D**ETAILS: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun!

Two ways to enter: Create early and drop off at Negley's atrium by Friday, October 12th or create and/or drop off on event day. If you build a scarecrow at the event, some hay and frames will be provided, just bring clothes and props. Remember, only homegrown scarecrows for this contest.

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The scarecrows will be judged and photographed at day's end and remain at Negley Garden until 10/31 or until bad weather/damage forces their removal. Let's create a family of scarecrows in PC!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Details: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun! Please bring your pumpkin already decorated and carved to Fairway Fields by Noon. Put your name, address, and phone number on the bottom of the pumpkin.

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The pumpkins will be judged and photographed by 2pm and ready to take home at that time.

Questions? Email announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com

**At The Fence** (*Continued on page 3*)

### **GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE: BLUE JAYS**

Last month, an article about Blue Jays was ran, but it was nowhere near a finished article. As a matter of fact, it was simply a copy and paste of real articles from a few websites to help compose an article for the Plum Creek Post at a later date. While it was simply a mistake, we always want to give the appropriate credit to the folks that wrote all of that great information. They include wildtexas.com, passporttotexas. com, and ehow.com. So, please check out the complete articles on these sites for all the information about Blue Jays in Texas and how to attract them!

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# National Night Out 2012

Sheriff Gary Cutler and the Hays County Sheriff's Office is excited about this year's National Night Out. We are expecting to have a greater National Night Out than last year. National Night Out is October 2, 2012!

Registration forms are due no later than September 17, 2012.

This year, the Hays County Sheriff's Office wants to have fun. We have declared the theme "Hays County Five-0," our version of "Hawaii Five-0." This Hawaiian themed National Night Out should be a great way to say

goodbye to our hot Texas summer. So break out your surf boards, Hawaiian shirts, Hula skirts, and tiki torches! (And let us know where the biggest waves will be!)

Deputies from the Hays County Sheriff's Office, the Hays County Constable's Offices, firefighters, EMS technicians, elected officials, and many other community services personnel will be out in the communities to give presentations, answer questions, and meet and greet as many Citizens of Hays County as we can. We have our "tickets" ready, and we are eager to come to your "luau."



HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL TOOLS:

Block Party Invitations made easy - http:// neighbors.whitepages.com/nno National Town Watch NNO website - http:// www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/

NNO Superstore website - http://www.nnosuperstore.com/

Nextdoor a Community/ Neighborhood social media - https:// nextdoor.com/?rs=nno

### WITH NEXTDOORYOU CAN:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Get local recommendations for a great babysitter, plumber or handyman.
- Look out for each other by sharing advice and reporting suspicious activity.
- Buy, sell, trade or give away items within your neighborhood.
- Get updates on community issues, plan neighborhood events and more!

Please mail, email, or fax you registration forms to me as soon as possible!

See you soon! Jeff Jordan jeff.jordan@co.hays.tx.us Deputy/HCSO



# WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED THE FLAGS AGAIN THIS YEAR.

GOD BLESS THE USA AND AND THOSE WHO SERVE HER!

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# How does my Air Conditioner work?

What exactly are those strange metal boxes in my home and my backyard???

An Air Conditioner has three main parts. The compressor, condenser and evaporator coil. The <u>compressor and condenser</u> are located in the same unit, outside your home. The <u>evaporator</u> coil is located inside the house attached to your furnace.

A working chemical called Freon circulates through the system. <u>The amount of Freon in the system is very important and needs to be checked regularly.</u> Let's start at the compressor. The Freon arrives at the compressor as a cool, low-pressure <u>gas</u>. The compressor compresses the gas and leaves the compressor as a <u>HOT, high pressure gas</u>.

This **hot, high pressure Freon** then flows into the **condenser** which is the large coil that wraps around the outdoor unit. The outdoor fan pulls air through the condenser to transfer the heat out. Notice all the fragile fins. These fins transfer the heat more quickly into the outside air. These fins MUST be kept VERY CLEAN for it to work efficiently! When the Freon leaves the condenser, its temperature is much cooler and has changed from a hot gas to a **cool liquid**.

Next, the Freon goes though some copper lines to the <u>inside</u> portion of the system, the <u>evaporator</u>. This <u>cool, liquid Freon</u> goes into the evaporator coil through a very tiny, narrow hole. On the other side of this hole (or orifice), the liquid's pressure drops. (Picture a spray nozzle on a hairspray can) When it does this, it begins to evaporate back into a **gas** or **vapor**. As the Freon changes from a liquid <u>back to a gas</u>, it evaporates, <u>and extracts heat from the air around it</u>. This is where the heat that is in your home gets transferred to the Freon and will soon be carried outside! When the Freon leaves the evaporator, it is a <u>cool, low pressure gas</u>. Connected to the evaporator is a fan that blows air through the evaporator fins. This is the fan that circulates air throughout your home. All of this is taking place inside small fragile copper tubes located inside this evaporator coil. <u>Dehumidification</u> also takes place here, where water is collected and drained out. <u>These</u> **drains can get clogged and need regular attention too**. It then returns to the compressor to begin its trip all over again.

This evaporator coil also has many fragile aluminum fins to help in the transfer of heat with the surrounding air. <u>This portion needs to be very clean as well!</u> This is why <u>clean</u> filters are so important!

This heat transfer process continues over and over and over until the room reaches the temperature that you tell it you want at the thermostat. The thermostat senses that the temperature has reached the right setting and turns off the air conditioner. As the room warms up, the thermostat turns the air conditioner back on until the room reaches the temperature.

Just like your car, an Air Conditioner is an expensive and complex piece of equipment that you depend on daily and requires regular cleanings and adjustments to maximize its efficiency and longevity.

### A tune up will cut your Electric Bill and reduce your chances of a big repair!

Call us or visit our website for details of our Maintenance Plan!



# **Negley News**

From Karen Lucita, Negley Assistant Principal

It's August and we are gearing up for another GREAT school year at Negley Elementary.

#### **RETURNING AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:**

If you have a returning Hays CISD student, please make sure you go online and register your child at www.hayscisd.net/parents.cfm?subpage=16187. If you need access to a computer, there are computers available at every school and the Hays CISD administration office. If you have a student new to Hays CISD, you will need to go to your home campus and register your child August 1st and 2nd . You will need to bring the following items with you. You can also download the paperwork at www.hayscisd.net/parents. cfm?subpage=16187.

### WHAT TO BRING (ALL OF THE FOLLOWING):

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Social Security Card
- Child's Immunization Records
- Proof of residency. Water, gas, or electric bill dated within 30 days of registering the child. Lease contract or closing documents.
- Driver's license of the adult who is registering the child

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**8/16** PTA New Student school tour. Meet in the lobby at Negley at 6:30 for a tour of the school.

**8/22** Faculty and staff parade around the neighborhood. Look for parade route on the Negley website http://www.hayscisd.net/Negley.cfm. Come see the faculty and Navi the Alligator (School mascot) as they parade around Plum Creek.

**8/23** Back to School Night @ 6:30 (This is the time to bring school supplies and meet your teacher). At 7:15 we will head to the McNaughton Park for Set Sail in the Park (There will be food, fun, and a chance to catch up with friends)

**8/27** First day of school (See below for school hours). At 7:30 PTA Boo Hoo Breakfast will begin. We know how hard it is to drop off your child for the first or fifth time for their first day of school. Join other parents for a light breakfast at 7:30.

# UPCOMING NEGLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA EVENTS

More details at www.facebook.com/NegleyPTA and www.negleyPTA.org

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**August 23** – 6:30 p.m. Meet the Teacher, then join us in McNaughton Park for Set Sail in the Park

**September 10** – 6:30 p.m. First General PTA Meeting of the year

September 21 – 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

#### **NEGLEY INFORMATION:**

School Hours 7:40 School starts

> 2:35 Bus riders released

2:40 Walkers and car

riders released

School supply list can be found at www.hayscisd. net/parents.cfm?subpage=1456. We encourage all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of Negley to join our PTA (Parent Teacher Association). Please refer to the PTA website www.negleypta.org or Facebook page www. Facebook.com/negleypta for more information. If you have any questions, please contact us at (512) 268-8501. We are looking forward to an AWESOME year!



Sign Up for the eNews

Did you know Plum Creek has a weekly email newsletter? It's called the eNews! It's filled with important information, including weekly and upcoming events, neighborhood watch info, lost/found pets, and more. The eNews is typically sent once per week on Thursday or Friday.

To sign up, visit www.plumcreektxhoa.com. Request a login, if new to the site. Otherwise, login and click on Plum Creek eNews in the menu on the left. Check the box next to Plum Creek eNews and click Save Changes at the bottom. If you have any problems or don't receive it the Thursday or Friday after you register, email Christina at announcements@plumcreektxhoa. com for assistance. Thanks again!



## **Blueberry-Lavender Lemonade**

Becca Bakes Signature Drink

- 1 cup lemon juice, fresh 1 pint blueberries squeezed (about 5-6 lemons)
  - 15 sprigs fresh lavender (1 small
- plant) + a few extra for garnish • 2 cups sugar
- 7+1/2 cups water, divided

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. In a saucepan, bring 2 cups sugar + 2 cups water to a boil
- 2. Remove from heat, add fresh lavender sprigs and cover. Let seep for 30 minutes
- 3. In a bowl, crush blueberries until they become a puree. You can also puree them in a blender or food processor.
- 4. You can do this next step two ways. (1) Place the blueberry-puree in a fine mesh sieve positioned over a pitcher. Remove lavender sprigs from saucepan and pour lavender infused water through sieve on top of the blueberry-puree and into the pitcher. (2) Remove sprigs from saucepan and place lavender infused water and blueberry-puree in a French press. Press down to create a very clear blueberry-lavender mixture.
- 5. Pour lemon juice into picture followed by 5 + 1/2 cups of water. Tip: taste lemonade in-between adding cups of water - some like it tart! You can also add more sugar or lemon juice at this step as well.
- 6. Stir well! Garnish with a sprig of lavender, some floating blueberries, or a lemon slice on the glass edge. Enjoy!





# 7th Annual Plum Creek BBQ Cook-Off

Friday - Saturday, October 12th-13th

	<b>MEATS</b> : Brisket (\$25) Pork Spare Ribs (\$25)
	Chicken (\$25) Cooks Choice (\$25) Chili (\$15)
Team Name:	SIDES:Beans (\$15)Potato Salad (\$15)
Name of Head Cook:	<b>DESSERT:</b> Dessert (\$15)
Mailing Address:	bag/shirt if you enter ALL categories. Please make check payable to
Phone:	Plum Creek HOA and mail with this entry form to: Brandee Otto 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640.  Details regarding event rules, cooking sites, cash prizes etc. car
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# **National Night Out Registration Form**

Block Party Coordinator(s):	
Subdivision:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Party Location Address (if different from above)	
Street:	
City:	
Location Details:	
Coordinating Agency: Hays County Sheriff's Office	
Estimated number of people in attendance:	
Adults:Children:	
Start Time:End Time:	
Did your community participate in National Night Out 2011?	
YES NO	

NOTE: First responders will make every effort to attend as many as parties as possible. Please be aware, unforeseen circumstances the night of the event may limit the number of personnel available to attend scheduled parties. The Sheriff will attempt to make as many parties as possible, but due to time limitations and the size of Hays County, he will not be able to attend every party.

# Application deadline for National Night Out 2012 is September 17, 2012.

Please Return ASAP to:
Hays County Sheriff's Office, Community Outreach Division
ATTN: Deputy Jeffrey Jordan
1307 Uhland Road, San Marcos, Texas 78666
Phone: 512-393-7373 Fax: 512-393-7879
Or via email at: jeff.jordan@co.hays.tx.us

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

This form must be returned in order to:

- Officially register with the Hays County Sheriff's Office
- Be in the database for mail outs and updates
- Call the Community Outreach Division 2 weeks before the event to obtain your National Night Out materials



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WATER SAFETY TIPS AT WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG



# **Colin's Hope Upcoming Events**

August 30: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin

September 16: Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

**Volunteer - Donate** WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG

Thank you to all of the volunteers and community partners who gave of their time, resources and talent this summer to help us raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning. We have made such an incredible difference! As the summer comes to an end, please continue to keep your children safe in and around the water. Put multiple layers of protection into place to prevent children from drowning. **Drowning is Preventable.** 

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